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First Named Inventor : Bruce C. Johnson	RECEIVED SEP - 7 2000 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700
Appln. No. : 08/874,781	
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Title : NASAL DILATOR	
Docket No. : C348.12-0013	
	Group Art Unit: 2761
	Examiner: A. Lewis

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2000. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims as indicated:

3. (Five Times Amended) A nasal dilator for preventing outer wall tissue of nasal passages of a user's nose from drawing in during breathing, comprising:

a flexible truss member having an initial state absent flexure thereof, the truss member including:

a first end region having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to adhesively engage the outer wall tissue of a first nasal passage;

a second end region having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to adhesively engage the outer wall tissues of a second nasal passage;